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Met at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., pursuant to emergency rules, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

During the session (the Speaker being in the Chair), the members and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in memory of the Commonwealth residents and those from around the country and the world who have passed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19
victims.

Statement Concerning Representative Naughton of Clinton.

A statement of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset concerning Mr. Naughton of Clinton was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Naughton of Clinton, is unable to be participating in today's sitting due to his having been mobilized by the Massachusetts Army National Guard and therefore being currently on active duty until at least May 13. His missing of roll calls today and during the period of his active duty will be due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement
concerning
Mr. Naughton
of Clinton.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill relative to nomination signatures (Senate, No. 2632) (on a part of Senate bill No. 416), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Nomination
signatures.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill establishing a special commission to ensure the resiliency of family farms in the 21st century (House, No. 802, changed), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Family
farms,—
study.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, Nos. 150 and 1314, a Bill providing a bill of rights for people experiencing homelessness (House, No. 4688).

Homeless,—
rights.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on House, Nos. 1416 and 1976, a Bill requiring health care employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence (House, No. 4689).

Workplace violence,—
prevention.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 3221, a Bill preparing Massachusetts for implementation of the family first act (House, No. 4687).

Family First Act,—
commission.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill to strengthen inmate visitation (House, No. 2047) [Representative Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].

Inmates,—
visitation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the safety of mobile amusement equipment (House, No. 3727).

Amusement
equipment.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Dyana Gonzalez, an employee of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (House, No. 4665), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Recess.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at six minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with the Speaker in the Chair.

Recess.

Quorum.

As required under the provision of Emergency Rule 2(4), a roll call was taken for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum; and on the roll call 156 members were recorded as being in attendance.

Quorum,—
yea and nay
No. 165.

[See Yea and Nay No. 165 in Supplement.]

Therefore a quorum was present.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill to facilitate the delay of the income tax filing deadline (House, No. 4677), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Income
taxes,—
filing delay.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 157 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill passed to
be engrossed—
yea and nay
No. 166.

[See Yea and Nay No. 166 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twelve minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (the Speaker being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.